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To amend the National Environmental Education Act to extend the programs under the Act, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. DOMENICI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## A BILL

To amend the National Environmental Education Act to extend the programs under the Act, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3   **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “National Environ-  
5       mental Education Amendments Act of 1998”.

### 6   **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION.**

7       Section 4 of the National Environmental Education  
8       Act (20 U.S.C. 5503) is amended—

9               (1) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1) by inserting after  
 2 “support” the following: “balanced and scientif-  
 3 ically sound”;

4 (B) by striking paragraph (6);

5 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (7)  
 6 through (13) as paragraphs (6) through (12),  
 7 respectively; and

8 (D) in paragraph (12) (as so redesign-  
 9 nated), by inserting before the period the fol-  
 10 lowing: “through the headquarters and the re-  
 11 gional offices of the Agency”; and

12 (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the  
 13 following:

14 “(c) STAFF.—The Office of Environmental Edu-  
 15 cation shall—

16 “(1) include a headquarters staff of not more  
 17 than 10 full-time equivalent employees; and

18 “(2) be supported by 1 full-time equivalent em-  
 19 ployee in each Agency regional office.

20 “(d) ACTIVITIES.—The Administrator may carry out  
 21 the activities specified in subsection (b) directly or through  
 22 awards of grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts.”.

23 **SEC. 3. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANTS.**

24 Section 6 of the National Environmental Education  
 25 Act (20 U.S.C. 5505) is amended—

1 (1) in the second sentence of subsection (i), by  
 2 striking “25 percent” and inserting “15 percent”;  
 3 and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(j) LOBBYING ACTIVITIES.—A grant under this sec-  
 6 tion may not be used to support a lobbying activity (as  
 7 described in the documents issued by the Office of Man-  
 8 agement and Budget and designated as OMB Circulars  
 9 No. A-21 and No. A-122).

10 “(k) GUIDANCE REVIEW.—Before the Administrator  
 11 issues any guidance to grant applicants, the guidance shall  
 12 be reviewed and approved by the Science Advisory Board  
 13 of the Agency.”.

14 **SEC. 4. ENVIRONMENTAL INTERNSHIPS AND FELLOW-**  
 15 **SHIPS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The National Environmental  
 17 Education Act is amended—

18 (1) by striking section 7 (20 U.S.C. 5506); and

19 (2) by redesignating sections 8 through 11 (20  
 20 U.S.C. 5507 through 5510) as sections 7 through  
 21 10, respectively.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The National En-  
 23 vironmental Education Act is amended—

24 (1) in the table of contents in section 1(b) (20  
 25 U.S.C. prec. 5501)—

1 (A) by striking the item relating to section  
2 7; and

3 (B) by redesignating the items relating to  
4 sections 8 through 11 as items relating to sec-  
5 tions 7 through 10, respectively;

6 (2) in section 4(b) (20 U.S.C. 5503(b))—

7 (A) in paragraph (6) (as redesignated by  
8 section 2(1)(C)), by striking “section 8 of this  
9 Act” and inserting “section 7”; and

10 (B) in paragraph (7) (as so redesignated),  
11 by striking “section 9 of this Act” and inserting  
12 “section 8”;

13 (3) in section 6(c)(3) (20 U.S.C. 5505(c)(3)),  
14 by striking “section 9(d) of this Act” and inserting  
15 “section 8(d)”;

16 (4) in the matter preceding subsection (c)(3)(A)  
17 of section 9 (as redesignated by subsection (a)(2)),  
18 by striking “section 10(a) of this Act” and inserting  
19 “subsection (a)”;

20 (5) in subsection (c)(2) of section 10 (as red-  
21 igned by subsection (a)(2)), by striking “section  
22 10(d) of this Act” and inserting “section 9(d)”.

1 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL EDUCATION AWARDS.**

2 Section 7 of the National Environmental Education  
3 Act (as redesignated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 **“SEC. 7. NATIONAL EDUCATION AWARDS.**

6 “The Administrator may provide for awards to be  
7 known as the ‘President’s Environmental Youth Awards’  
8 to be given to young people in grades kindergarten  
9 through 12 for outstanding projects to promote local envi-  
10 ronmental awareness.”.

11 **SEC. 6. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
12 **AND TASK FORCE.**

13 Section 8 of the National Environmental Education  
14 Act (as redesignated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (b)(2), by striking the first  
16 and second sentences and inserting the following:  
17 “The Advisory Council shall consist of not more  
18 than 11 members appointed by the Administrator  
19 after consultation with the Secretary. To the extent  
20 practicable, the Administrator shall appoint to the  
21 Advisory Council at least 1 representative from each  
22 of the following sectors: primary and secondary edu-  
23 cation; colleges and universities; not-for-profit orga-  
24 nizations involved in environmental education; State  
25 departments of education and natural resources;  
26 business and industry; and senior Americans.”;

1           (2) in subsection (c), by striking paragraph (2)  
2           and inserting the following:

3           “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—Membership on the Task  
4           Force shall be open to representatives of any Fed-  
5           eral agency actively engaged in environmental edu-  
6           cation.”; and

7           (3) in subsection (d), by striking paragraph (1)  
8           and inserting the following:

9           “(1) BIENNIAL MEETINGS.—The Advisory  
10          Council shall hold a biennial meeting on timely  
11          issues regarding environmental education and issue  
12          a report and recommendations on the proceedings of  
13          the meeting.”.

14 **SEC. 7. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING FOUNDA-**  
15 **TION.**

16          (a) CHANGE IN NAME.—

17           (1) IN GENERAL.—The first sentence of sub-  
18          section (a)(1)(A) of section 9 of the National Envi-  
19          ronmental Education Act (as redesignated by section  
20          4(a)(2)) is amended by striking “National Environ-  
21          mental Education and Training Foundation” and in-  
22          serting “National Environmental Learning Founda-  
23          tion”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The National Environmental Education Act (20 U.S.C. 5501 et seq.) is amended—

(A) in the item relating to section 9 (as redesignated by section 4(b)(1)(B)) of the table of contents in section 1(b) (20 U.S.C. prec. 5501), by striking “National Environmental Education and Training Foundation” and inserting “National Environmental Learning Foundation”;

(B) in section 3 (20 U.S.C. 5502)—

(i) by striking paragraph (12) and inserting the following:

“(12) FOUNDATION.—‘Foundation’ means the National Environmental Learning Foundation” established by section 9; and”;

(ii) in paragraph (13), by striking “National Environmental Education and Training Foundation” and inserting “National Environmental Learning Foundation”;

(C) in the heading of section 9 (as redesignated by section 4(a)(2)), by striking “**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOUNDATION**” and inserting “**NA-**

1           **TIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING**  
 2           **FOUNDATION**”; and

3           (D) in subsection (c) of section 10 (as re-  
 4           designated by section 4(a)(2)), by striking “Na-  
 5           tional Environmental Education and Training  
 6           Foundation” and inserting “National Environ-  
 7           mental Learning Foundation”.

8           (b) **BOARD OF DIRECTORS; NUMBER OF DIREC-**  
 9           **TORS.**—The first sentence of subsection (b)(1)(A) of sec-  
 10          tion 9 of the National Environmental Education Act (as  
 11          redesignated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended by striking  
 12          “13” and inserting “19”.

13          (c) **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONATIONS.**—Section  
 14          9(d) of the National Environmental Education Act (as re-  
 15          designated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended by striking  
 16          paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

17               “(3) **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONORS.**—The  
 18          Foundation may acknowledge receipt of donations by  
 19          means of a listing of the names of donors in mate-  
 20          rials distributed by the Foundation, but any such ac-  
 21          knowledgment—

22               “(A) shall not appear in educational mate-  
 23          rial to be presented to students; and



1           “(B) shall not identify a donor by means  
 2           of a logo, letterhead, or other corporate com-  
 3           mercial symbol, slogan, or product.”.

4 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5       Section 10 of the National Environmental Education  
 6 Act (as redesignated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended by  
 7 striking subsections (a) and (b) and inserting the follow-  
 8 ing:

9       “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-  
 10 propriated to the Environmental Protection Agency to  
 11 carry out this Act \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
 12 1999 through 2004.

13       “(b) LIMITATIONS.—

14           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
 15       of the amounts appropriated under subsection (a)  
 16       for a fiscal year—

17           “(A) not more than 25 percent may be  
 18       used for the activities of the Office of Environ-  
 19       mental Education;

20           “(B) not more than 25 percent may be  
 21       used for the operation of the environmental  
 22       education and training program;

23           “(C) not less than 40 percent shall be used  
 24       for environmental education grants; and

1                   “(D) 10 percent shall be used for the Na-  
2                   tional Environmental Learning Foundation.

3                   “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of the  
4                   amounts made available under paragraph (1) for a  
5                   fiscal year for the activities of the Office of Environ-  
6                   mental Education, not more than 25 percent may be  
7                   used for administrative expenses.

8                   “(c) EXPENSE REPORT.—As soon as practicable  
9                   after the end of each fiscal year, the Administrator shall  
10                  submit to Congress a report stating in detail the items  
11                  on which funds appropriated for the fiscal year were ex-  
12                  pended.”.

13   **SEC. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14                  The amendments made by this Act shall take effect  
15                  as of the later of—

16                       (1) October 1, 1998; or

17                       (2) the date of enactment of this Act.

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